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SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY NORWEGIAN STORTING LATER THIS YEAR FOLLOWING, LARGELY AS REPORTED REFTEL (B), ARE PROVISIONS OF GON LOAN TO PORTUGAL:

1. THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE BANK OF PORTUGAL A LOAN OF 10 MILLION US DOLLARS.

- 2. THE LOAN WILL BE PAYABLE IN TWO DISBURSEMENTS TO BANK OF PORTUGAL. THE FIRST DISBURSEMENT, OF 1/3 OF THE LOAN, WILL BE MADE UPON SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT. THE SECOND DISBURSEMENT, COVERING 2/3 OF LOAN, WILL BE MADE DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1978.
- 3. THE LOAN WILL HAVE A MATURITY OF 10 YEARS. AMORTIZATION WILL START SIX YEARS AFTER FIRST DISBURSEMENT HAS BEEN MADE, AND TAKE PLACE IN FIVE EQUAL ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS OF 2 MILLION DOLLARS (10.8 MILLION NORWEGIAN KRONER).
- 4. THE INTEREST RATE OF THE LOAN WILL BE 7 PERCENT. THIS RATE WILL REMAIN FIXED FOR THE DURATION OF THE LOAN.
- 5. THE LOAN WILL BE UNTIED.
- 6. THE FIRST DISBURSEMENT WILL BE LINKED TO INITIATION
 OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE IMF ON AN ECONOMIC PROGRAM TO SECURE
 ACCESS TO PORTUGAL'S SECOND CREDIT TRANCHE. THE SECOND
 DISBURSEMENT WILL BE CONTITIONED ON PORTUGAL'S CONTINUED
 COOPERATION WITH IMF IN IMPLEMENTING AN ECONOMIC RECOVERY
 PROGRAM.
- 7. THE LOAN AGREEMENT WILL BE SIGNED BY MINISTRY OF COMMERCE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ON BEHALF OF THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING STORTING APPROVAL. FURTHER DETAILS OF LOAN AGREEMENT AND TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT, WILL BE AGREED UPON BETWEEN MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND BANK OF PORTUGAL.

8. THE LOAN AGREEMENT WILL COME INTO FORCE ON DATE OF ITS SIGNATURE. LERNER

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